

Massachusetts State Mandate for Oral Cancer Therapies

Notwithstanding the provisions of any general law, rule, or regulation to the contrary, a health benefit plan that provides coverage for cancer chemotherapy treatment must provide coverage for a prescribed, orally administered anticancer medication used to kill or slow the growth of cancerous cells on a basis no less favorable than intravenously administered or injected cancer medications that are covered as medical benefits. An increase in patient cost sharing for anticancer medications is not allowed to achieve compliance with this provision.

The above listed coverage will be included in the City of Boston Health Plans as follows:

Harvard Pilgrim health Plan	January 1, 2013
Neighborhood Health Plan	January 1, 2013
Blue Cross blue Shield	July 1, 2013